

Milwaukee – Broadband Audit Interim Report on Phase I & II

Broadband - Definition

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) defines broadband as a new generation of high-speed transmission services, which allows users to access the Internet and Internet-related services at significantly higher speeds than traditional dial-up modems. Broadband is thus not a system or a technology, but rather refers to speed or capacity (bandwidth). The FCC uses the term "advanced telecommunications capability" to describe services and facilities with upstream (customer-to-provider) and downstream (provider-to-customer) transmission speeds exceeding 200 kilobits per second (kbps). "High-speed" denotes those services with over 200 kbps capabilities in at least one direction.

[Despite the FCC's official definitions, the term broadband is commonly referred to as any high speed, always-on Internet connection.]